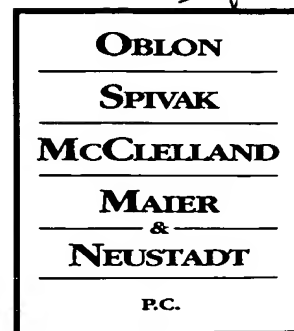




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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/773,297
Applicants: Yasuo OHBA
Filing Date: February 9, 2004
For: NITRIDE COMPOUND SEMICONDUCTOR
ELEMENT
Group Art Unit: 2822
Examiner: SOWARD, IDA M.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Response Under 37 C.F. R. §1.312

Page 1 of Form PTO-1449 from IDS filed February 9, 2004, and Date-Stamped filing Receipt

Reference Designated "AW" in IDS Filed February 9, 2004

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Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Further to the Notice of Allowance dated July 31, 2006, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of the AW reference cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 9, 2004, by appropriately initialing page 1 of the associated Form PTO-1449. For the Examiner's convenience a copy of page 1 of the Form PTO-1449 from the IDS filed February 9, 2004, is attached.

A copy of the AW reference filed February 9, 2004, is also attached.

The AW reference was considered by the Examiner in parent U.S. Application No. 10/188,744. See attached Form PTO-1449 date-stamped August 22, 2002, from 10/188,744 (downloaded from Public PAIR). As noted in M.P.E.P. § 609:

The examiner will consider information which has been considered by the Office in a parent application when examining (A) a continuation application filed Under 37 CFR 1.53(b) M.P.E.P. § 609.02.A.2, page 600-143, column 2.

There are exceptions to this requirement that a copy of the information must be provided. First, 37 CFR 1.98(d) states that a copy of any patent,

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Because both of these conditions are met, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of the AW reference in the above-identified application.

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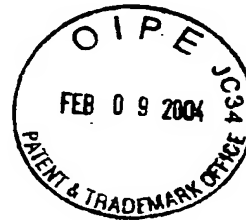
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